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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>Kansas</b>	
COUNTY: <b>Marshall</b>	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON:	<b>Samuel Powell House</b>
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>108 West Commercial</b>			
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Waterville</b>			
STATE <b>Kansas</b>	CODE <b>66548</b>	COUNTY: <b>Marshall</b>	CODE <b>117</b>

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: <b>John Lamoreaux</b>			
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>108 West Commercial</b>			
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Waterville</b>		STATE: <b>Kansas</b>	CODE <b>66548</b>

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: <b>Register of Deeds</b>			
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>Marshall County Courthouse</b>			
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Marysville</b>		STATE: <b>Kansas</b>	CODE <b>66508</b>

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: <b>NONE</b>			
DATE OF SURVEY: _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: 			
STREET AND NUMBER: 			
CITY OR TOWN: 		STATE: 	CODE 

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ Excellent☒ Good☐ Fair☐ Deteriorated☐ Ruins☐ Unexposed

(Check One)

(Check One)

☐ Altered☒ Unaltered

(Check One)

☐ Moved☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Powell House is a two-story Victorian structure with a full basement located at 108 West Commercial street in Waterville. The house is typically Victorian with numerous porches, projecting wings and bay windows. The frame structure sits on a rough hewn native limestone base. The narrow clapboard siding is accented with white horizontal bands at the window sills and heads. The building corners are also accented with white painted vertical cornerboards. The building roof is unusually complex with a series of steep gables, projecting porches and towers. Gables run in all directions and occur in profusion around the building. Each gable is decorated with a scroll-like bargeboard. The tower is circular and forms a porch at both the first and second floor levels and ends in a steep conical roof. All roof surfaces are covered with wood shingles laid in a diamond pattern which gives a decorative appearance to the roof material. Two brick chimneys project from the roof. These chimneys are ornamented by corbeled brick work near the top and by a lower projecting brick band.

Many porches and balconies occur at both levels of the house. These are very sensitively done with airy ballustrades and thin ornamental columns. Windows and doors are, as one might expect, varied in design and size. Window shapes range from rectangular to half-circular to shallow arches at the lintels. All windows are shuttered. Bay windows occur on all sides of the house on both the first and second floor levels.

Complementing the house is a carriage house at the rear of the site. The carriage house is similar to the main house in style with gabled roofs and decorative bargeboards. Both structures are in very good condition and are believed to be basically unaltered on the exterior.

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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1894-1895

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education    | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering  | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry     |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention    | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature   | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Military     | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Music        |  |  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Powell House in Waterville was built in 1894-1895 for one of the town's most prominent citizens, Samuel T. Powell. Born and educated in New York, Powell began working as a bank clerk in Poughkeepsie, New York, in the early 1860's. In 1871 he came west, settling in Waterville in Marshall county, Kansas. He was employed for several years by the Marshall County Bank, and after it closed he established his own banking institution, the Bank of Waterville. Later he was active in a loan business, which contributed to the development of the area by bringing eastern capital into the state, and he also served as president of banks in two other Kansas towns for a number of years.

In June, 1894, the Powells moved their old house to a new location where they lived while their new home at 108 West Commercial was being erected. By late August the foundation of the house was completed. The contractor, W. E. Fitzgerald of Waterville, reportedly built 85 per cent of the houses constructed in Waterville prior to 1935, including some of the most beautiful in the town. The Powell House, completed by the fall of 1895, was the first of these spacious Fitzgerald homes.

The Powell house with its carriage house is an excellent example of Victorian architecture in north central Kansas. It is made more impressive by its location in a small rural community.

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# 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Blackmar, Frank W., editor, A Cyclopedia of State History (Chicago, Standard Publishing Co., n.d.), v. 3A, pp. 557, 558.  
 Marshall County Democrat (Marysville), January 18, 1884.  
 Vogt, Pat, "Victorian Mansion Beckons Many Tourists," Kansas City Star, August 25, 1969.  
Waterville, Kansas, 1870-1970 (n.p., 1970), pp. 38, 39.  
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# 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0		"	0		"	0		"
NE	0		"	0		"	0		"
SE	0		"	0		"	39	41	35
SW	0		"	0		"	96	44	58

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: one-two acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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# 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:		Charles L. Hall, Architectural Consultant Richard Pankratz, Planner	
ORGANIZATION	DATE		
Kansas State Historical Society	May 14, 1972		
STREET AND NUMBER:			
120 West Tenth street			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE	CODE	
Topeka	Kansas	66612	20

# 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name

Nyle H. Miller  
Nyle H. Miller

Title Executive Director, Kansas State Historical Society

Date June 16, 1972

# NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date

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